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SUBJECT: BRITISH CITE NEED FOR BETTER NARCOTICS INFORMATION
IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: A) KABUL 4008 B) KABUL 4194

1. SUMMARY. ON MAY 13, A BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER VISITED
MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROOFI, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE
AFGHAN MFA, TO DISCUSS HIS GOVERNMENT'S NEED FOR
MORE SYSTEMATIC INFORMATION BEFORE LONDON CAN CONSIDER
ASSISTANCE FOR UNFDAC NARCOTICS-CONTROL PROJECTS IN
AFGHANISTAN (REFTEL A). END SUMMARY.

2. THE BRITISH HAVE PROVIDED THE EMBASSY WITH A COPY
OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE LEFT WITH MAROOFI:

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NARCOTICS

1. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING HER MAJESTY'S
GOVERNMENT IN CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT TO
PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROGRAMME
OF NARCOTICS CONTROL AND ERADICATION UNDERTAKEN

BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC), IS THE ABSENCE OF ANY SYSTEMATIC EPIDEMIOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STUDY OF OPIUM USE IN AFGHANISTAN, PARTICULARLY BADA KHSHAN. IF, HOWEVER, SUCH A STUDY HAS BEEN MADE, HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THEY COULD BE ALLOWED TO EXAMINE IT.

2. HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT THINK THAT PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND THE INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATIVE CROPS COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN A MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE AT BADA KHSHAN, BUT IN THEIR VIEW A SYSTEMATIC STUDY, AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, WOULD STILL BE NEEDED.

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END TEXT

3. WHEN PRESENTING THIS AIDE MEMOIRE, THE BRITISH OFFICER INDICATED LONDON'S WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER ASSISTANCE IN THE STUDY AREA, BUT MADE NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AT THAT TIME (FYI: THE BRITISH ARE WEIGHING THE POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING A STUDY BY A U.K. FIRM WHICH WOULD REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY "TWELVE-MAN-MONTHS" -- E.G., A FOUR-MAN TEAM WORKING FOR THREE MONTHS -- AT A COST OF AROUND FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING). MAROOFI MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO RESPONSE, OTHER THAN TO PROMISE TO CONTACT THE BRITISH AFTER HIS GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TIME TO STUDY THEIR VIEWS.

4. ALTHOUGH THE BRITISH OFFICER STATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN AFGHANISTAN'S NARCOTICS PROBLEMS AND WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE, MAROOFI DID NOT ELECT TO MENTION THE COMING INITIAL SESSION OF THE "INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON AFGHAN NARCOTICS MATTERS" (REFTEL B).
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